

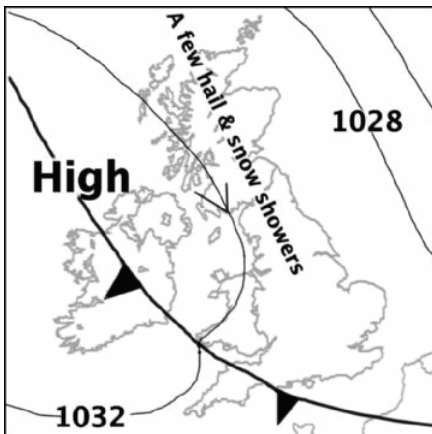
Lake District

Includes the whole of Cumbria, and also the western Pennines North from Ingleborough.



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General Summary for Saturday, 22 April, 2017



**British Mountain Summary:
Based on forecast chart for noon 22 April, 2017**

Fairly light wind and just a few showers as a ridge of high pressure moves in from the west. Higher summits in Scotland will remain below freezing point and here showers of hail and snow. Across Britain the air will be very clear and most cloud will be above higher summits.

Headline for Lake District

Light wind. Isolated brief hail/snow showers. Very clear air.

Detailed Forecast for Saturday, 22 April, 2017

How windy? (On the summits)	Northwesterly 10 to occasionally 15mph.
Effect of wind on you?	Mostly negligible
How wet?	Isolated hail showers A few brief showers with hail and on higher tops snow flurries, mainly Pennines.
Cloud on the hills?	Very little if any
Chance of cloud free summits?	Almost certain by late morning
Sunshine and air clarity?	Bright sunshine morning; inland cloud will tend to fill in somewhat afternoon. Superb visibility.
How Cold? (at 750m)	2C.
Freezing Level	Above the summits.

Lake District - Looking Ahead

	Sunday 23 April	Monday 24 April
How windy? (On the summits) Effect of wind on you?	Westerly strengthening from 20mph to in the afternoon around 35mph. Perhaps 40mph evening. Will increasingly make walking arduous on higher areas.	West veering northwesterly 30 to later in the day 40mph, possibly 45mph. Walking likely to become increasingly arduous, and later in day perhaps difficult. Significant wind chill.
How wet?	Rain unlikely	Rain, then to hail & snow showers. Rain temporarily morning. Then scattered brief hail and snow showers.
Cloud on the hills? Chance of cloud free summits?	Increasingly covering the summits Cloud will shroud the mountains all or nearly all day, from lower slopes up coastal slopes by afternoon. However, in the morning and over east Cumbria (east of about Helvellyn), most cloud above 600m with breaks to 800m. 30%	Very little by midday Cloud widely on higher areas at dawn, may persist for several hours, but will all clear. 60%
Sunshine and air clarity?	Sunshine occasionally, mainly lower slopes east Cumbria morning. Fog across the mountains although often very good visibility below cloud.	Patches of bright sunshine and often excellent visibility spreading southwards during morning, perhaps not long after dawn.
How Cold? (at 750m) Freezing Level	1 rising to 4C. Above the summits by late morning.	1 dropping to -1C. Above the summits at dawn. During morning will drop to around 650m.

Planning Outlook**All mountain areas of Britain from Sunday, 23 April, 2017**

An abrupt change on Monday as very cold air spreads southwards. Until Thursday, winds persistently northerly, intermittently near gale force, will bring very low freezing levels. Snow and hail showers (sometimes very frequent or almost constant snow for a few hours particularly N Scotland) - even on some lower slopes as summit temperatures drop as low as, if not lower than at any time this winter.

Forecast issued at 15:14 on Friday, 21 April, 2017

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